

Table 20 B. Meeting Basic Needs by Economic Characteristics: Households with Difficulty Meeting Basic Needs Who Received Help, Received Help From Family, Received Help From Friends, and Received Help From Others: 1998
(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristics	Total Households	Any help meeting basic needs	Help from family-basic needs	Help from friends-basic needs	Help from others-basic needs
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
All households					
Total	17,794	19.2	4.1	1.3	1.5
Household income quintile					
Lowest quintile	5,580	30.0	6.3	2.2	3.3
2nd quintile	4,728	17.3	3.2	0.9	1.1
3rd quintile	3,800	13.4	3.0	1.3	0.6
4th quintile	2,416	13.2	3.7	0.7	0.3
Highest quintile	1,269	7.2	1.6	0.2	1.0
Household poverty					
Income below poverty	4,374	32.6	6.5	2.3	3.4
Income above poverty	13,419	14.8	3.3	1.0	1.0
Education of householder					
Not high school graduate	4,144	23.0	5.0	1.5	2.5
High school graduate	5,992	20.3	3.7	1.8	1.8
Some college	5,535	16.9	3.7	0.7	0.9
Bachelors or higher	2,123	14.5	4.5	0.8	0.7
Occupation of householder					
Executive	1,235	12.0	3.2	1.3	0.6
Professional	1,267	13.1	3.9	1.1	0.3
Technical	328	13.7	6.0	-	-
Sales	1,301	15.7	4.2	0.3	1.0
Administrative support	1,936	15.2	2.8	0.4	0.7
Service	2,412	22.7	4.8	1.4	2.0
Farm	387	20.8	4.6	1.7	0.7
Craft	1,464	19.0	3.4	0.5	0.4
Labor	2,383	15.7	2.2	1.7	1.3
Region					
Northeast	3,061	17.2	4.4	1.0	2.1
Midwest	4,135	18.2	3.3	1.0	2.0
South	6,476	20.0	4.5	1.0	1.1
West	4,123	20.3	4.0	2.2	1.4
Metropolitan status					
Central City	3,416	22.3	4.2	1.6	2.0
Metropolitan, outside central city	11,687	17.8	4.1	1.3	1.4
Non-metropolitan	2,691	21.0	3.9	0.8	1.5

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